



City of Pensacola

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL
32502

April 21, 2026

10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Brask called the board meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Daniel Brask, Michael Blankenship, Shirley Lewis-Brown, Suzanne Lewis, Michael Osley, Ray Palmer, Kirwan Price

Members Absent: Kristin Brown

1. 26-442 SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS - MICHAEL OSLEY AND RAY PALMER

City Clerk, Ericka Burnett, was present to administer the oath and swear in new Parks & Recreation Board members Ray Palmer and Michael Osley.

2. 26-460 NOMINATING AND VOTING NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Board Member Brask opened the floor for nominations for the position as Chairperson. Board Member Price volunteered for Chairperson. Board Member Lewis motioned and Board Member Lewis-Brown seconded the nomination. Board Member Price accepted the position. Board Member Brask closed the floor for nominations. Board Member Brask asked for a vote all in favor to say aye, any opposed. Let the record show the vote was unanimous consent.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Board Member Brask opened the floor for nominations for the position as Vice-Chair. Board Member Price nominated Board Member Brask, Board Member Osley seconded. Board Member Brask accepted the nomination. Board Member Brask closed the floor for nominations. Board Member Brask asked for a vote all in favor to say aye, any opposed. Let the record show the vote was unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. 26-461 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES DATED

MARCH 17, 2026

Vice-Chair Brask stated that the previous January and February meeting minutes were voted on without a quorum being met. The minutes have been re-voted on and approved during this meeting.

A motion was made to carry the approval of the March 17, 2026, meeting minutes over to the May 19, 2026, board meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Sherri Myers, a member of the public, approached the board to discuss Tippin Park.

Myers shared information with the board about the 2019 legislative priorities, made by city council, in relation to Tippin Park.

Vice-Chair Brask inquired if the previous 2019 legislative priority was funded. Myers responded by stating that it was not funded.

A discussion ensued.

The board decided to discuss the issue further in new business.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. 26-443 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Byrd gave an overview of the updates made to the Director's Report, then opened the floor for any questions.

Board Member Lewis-Brown inquired about the senior activities that were being held at the Fricker center. Director Byrd responded by stating the activities will be accommodated at either Cobb, Gull Point, or Woodland Heights resource centers.

Board Member Blankenship inquired about stopping senior meals at the Cobb center again. Director Byrd responded by stating that the hearsay to stop the meals was prevented and that Parks & Recreation is now working directly with the meal

service program that was previously servicing the seniors.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Price mentioned talking amongst the board to work together to fashion a motion to make a recommendation to city council in regard to Myers' concerns regarding Tippin Park.

Director Byrd recommended work-shopping the project through the board for a couple of months before bringing it to city council.

A discussion ensued.

The board agreed to have a recommendation ready by the July 21, 2026, board meeting.

Board Member Osley inquired if Tippin Park is the best location for the ADA park and if it is an accessible park in general. Director Byrd responded by stating the current parking spaces are limited and some are a part of the county's right of way, so there will have to be coordination with the county. The more funds that are put towards parking, will result in less funds for the ADA park amenities.

A discussion ensued.

Myers mentioned the appearance of some of the trees near Tippin Park and encouraged an arborist to take a look at them. Director Byrd responded by stating she will get the new city arborist to take a look at the trees.

A discussion ensued.

Board Member Lewis inquired if the county's right of way is more than just the two parking spaces mentioned. Director Byrd responded by stating she believes they have an additional four or five parking spaces.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Member Lewis-Brown mentioned a letter she received from Stanton Cadow. Director Byrd responded by stating that Board Member Brown brought the letter to her attention and Director Byrd reached out to Cadow to apologize to him. Director Byrd also stated she reached out to Athletic Superintendent, Cherly Fox, to request the results. Director Byrd stated Cadow has received the results and recommendations for the best time to reach out to Fox if he would like to return to senior games this year.

Board Member Lewis-Brown inquired if there was a process for how to deal with corrections for senior games. Director Byrd responded by stating that she

explained to Cadow that the best time to request a correction to the time for a timed event was during the time of the event.

Board Member Lewis inquired if Cadow had acknowledged the receipt of the information. Director Byrd responded by stating that he had not acknowledged the information sent to him.

5. 26-444 DIRECTION '25

Director Byrd gave an overview of the updates made for Direction '25, then opened the floor for any questions.

Board Member Lewis inquired about updates on the Bay Bluffs project. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

Board Member Blankenship inquired about Granada Subdivision Park. A discussion ensued.

The Board decided to combine both Granada Subdivision Park and Tippin Park to work shop for recommendations to city council.

OPEN FORUM

None.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.
